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1. AS MENTIONED IN REF B THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU (CNB)
IS THE PRIMARY CLEARING HOUSE FOR ALL PUBLISHED FIGURES ON
DRUG ABUSE, REHABILITATION, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT MATTERS.
HOWEVER, THE CNB IS CONSTANTLY RECEIVING NEW INFORMATION AND
REFINING ITS OWN CALCULATIONS.

2. OPIUM. REF B REPORTED THE NUMBER OF OPIUM ABUSERS AT 4,000
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WHO WERE SAID TO SMOKE ABOUT 4 GRAMS OF OPIUM PER DAY. ALTHOUGH
NOT BASED ON ANY STUDY, A MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND RELIABLE
CNB OFFICER THAN THE SOURCE CITED IN REF B PEGS THE NUMBER OF
OPIUM USERS AT NOT MORE THAN 2,000. BASED ON THIS NEW FIGURE
IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 8 KILOGRAMS ARE CONSUMED PER DAY, OR THAT
2920 KILOGRAMS ENTER SINGAPORE PER YEAR.

3. HEROIN NO. 3. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR LAST DAILY DOSAGE OF 320 MILLIGRAMS PER DAY WAS HIGH, THERE WAS NO OTHER CONCLUSION BASED ON CNB FIGURES GIVEN. MOST RECENTLY, HOWEVER, THE CNB HAS COME UP WITH FIGURES WHICH ARE BASED ON CASE STUDIES, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY FEEL CONFIDENT ON THE NUMBER OF HEROIN ABUSERS IN THE REPUBLIC. A STUDY BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (LATE 1976) ESTIMATES THE NUMBER OF HEROIN ABUSERS AT 11,400. ALTHOUGH THE DAILY CONSUMPTION RATE RANGES BETWEEN .2 GRAMS AND 4 GRAMS OF HEROIN, CNB IS PRESENTLY OF THE OPINION THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF ABUSERS USE APPROXIMATELY .2 GRAMS PER DAY. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ABUSERS WHO VARY FROM THIS AMOUNT, WE CONSIDER IT RELATIVELY ACCURATE TO ASSUME THAT THE 11,400 ABUSERS SMOKE ON AN AVERAGE OF .2 GRAMS DAILY. THIS SET OF FIGURES PROVIDES A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF HEROIN ENTERING SINGAPORE ON A DAILY BASIS, AND THE MINIMUM DAILY CONSUMPTION RATE PER ABUSER. OUR NEW CALCULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 11,400 ABUSERS MULTIPLIED BY .2 GRAMS EQUALS 2.28 KILOGRAMS PER DAY. THIS FIGURE MULTIPLIED BY 365 DAYS EQUALS 832.2 KILOGRAMS OF 40 PERCENT HEROIN PER YEAR, OR 332.8 KILOGRAMS OF PURE HEROIN. THE ABUSER CONSUMER RATE, UTILIZING .2 GRAMS AT 40 PERCENT PURITY, IS 80 MILLIGRAMS PER DAY. HOLDRIDGE

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